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WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE CHIEF CITIES OF EUROPE

VISIT OF KING
EXCITES PARIS

Paris Gaulois Considers It Relates to Politics.

Religious Crisis Would Have Effect in Foreign Countries.

Pope Might Open Orient to German Emperor's Plans.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The Parisian press is making its head in the effort to try and find out the real reason why Edward VII and his Queen came to Paris so mysteriously. The Gaulois, speaking of it, says:

No Sovereign can upset his plans and pay a visit to another country with a great inconvenience to himself without having it commented upon, and we naturally ask what are the secret reasons for this visit, so abruptly planned, of the King and Queen of England. At first it was thought by some that their majesties wanted perhaps to consult one of our great physicians, but their manner of flitting about Paris has given the denial to this supposition. Why, even on the very evening of their arrival, when one would have thought that they would have been tired, the King and his consort went to the circus (which, by the way, caused great amusement among the Parisians), and the next day they dined in town, while the day following they went to Versailles.

One must admit that this activity does not accord with a bad state of health. It is necessary, therefore, to look for the reasons in other quarters, and our thoughts naturally turn to politics. Do we owe the presence of Edward VII to some French ministerial crisis? Is it a result of the German elections turning out as they did? Must we look for trouble from Berlin or from Rome? It seems to us that we have to look in the latter direction, and that Edward VII, although a Protestant, knows the danger to which we are exposed consequent to the rupture of the church and State.

Religious quarrels must have a considerable influence on the exterior politics of a country. If this effect should be a complete rupture between France and the Vatican it is feared that the Pope, in spite of his own affection for our country, will withdraw his protection from the Orient, thus leaving the field clear for Germany. This renouncement is exactly what the King wishes at all cost to avoid, and to this, and this alone, it is that we must attribute the visit of the Sovereign at this moment to our beautiful city. We do not want to force our opinions on anyone, but still we must state that we have reasons for thinking that we are not far from the truth.

PARIS MOURNING
ITS BENEFACCTOR

M. Osiris Left \$5,000,000 to Pasteur Institute.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—This city is in mourning for one of its best friends, M. Osiris, who gave Malmaison, the last home of Josephine, to the French nation. M. Osiris bought this chateau from Queen Isabella of Spain, into whose possession it had come through her ancestors, Maria Christina, and after collecting as many of the former treasures as he could, he gave it freely to the French nation to do as they liked with. M. Osiris, who had reached the ripe old age of eighty-two, was as much loved for his kindly nature as for his generosity.

He was born an Israelite, and, although he could by no means be called a strictly religious man, did much for his faith. He built a synagogue in the Rue Buffault, and gave to the consistory of the Jewish faith a very large sum with which to build other synagogues in the different departments.

He gave the statue of Alfred de Musset, which stands outside the Theater Francaise, to the French people because he could not bear the thought that this talented man should have no statue in Paris, and he also gave a statue of Jeanne d'Arc to the town of Nancy. He it was who, after the 1899 exhibition, presented to the Institute of France a sum sufficient to assure triennially 100,000 francs to be used as prizes for researches in science, literature, and the arts. Now, as a last and crowning act of generosity, he has left all he had remaining after his death—25,000,000 francs—to the Pasteur Institute.

BUELOW BUYS A RETREAT.

ROME, Feb. 23.—Prince von Buelow, the German chancellor, has purchased a villa here where he can rest from the cares of state from time to time. It is called the "Villa Malta" and belonged formerly to Louis I of Bavaria. It is situated on the southern sunny slopes of the Pincian hill in the most interesting part of the Ludovici quarter, and is buried in a mass of rose bushes.

MOST LOVELY PRINCESS,
NIECE OF KING EDWARD,
HATED BY ROUMANIANS

PRINCESS MARIE OF ROUMANIA.
Most Beautiful and Most Unpopular Princess in Europe.

Law Passed to Prevent
Her Ever Becoming
Regent.

BUCHAREST, Feb. 23.—Princess Marie, wife of Prince Ferdinand, heir of the Roumanian throne, and the most beautiful princess of Europe, will be the center of a political storm on the death of King Charles, which is now declared to be near.

Prince Ferdinand is in the last stages

of consumption and this means that within a short time his eldest son, Prince Carol, will become King. Princess Marie is a daughter of King Edward's late brother, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, and is a first cousin of the Czar and the Kaiser. She is anti-Roumanian and has aroused the Roumanian people by her Russian and English sympathies that the Roumanian legislature has passed an act depriving her of all share in the government in case she should become regent. She has thus become known as the most unpopular princess, as well as the most beautiful.

Under Heretical Roof
French Bishops Gather
For Plenary Assembly

By MARQUIS DE CASTELLANE.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—It is the fashion to praise the French clergy in everything except sacerdotal militantism. Their orthodoxy, manners, fidelity, and obedience to the Pope are praised to the skies, but also it is no less the fashion to accuse them of not marching with the times and of their being opposed in their ways to the progress of humanity. But this very week the French clergy, in the persons of their bishops, have given an incontestable proof of their modernity.

It was at the Chateau Mueette, where our bishops held their plenary assembly. In every other country this chateau, dishonored by the gayeties of Louis XV and the Duchesse de Berry, daughter of the Regent, might have been considered tainted.

But this was not all. Pushing its ecclesiastic to the extreme limits, the bishops decided to gather there and accept the hospitality of the Countess of Franqueville, who, as the daughter of an English nobleman, was born a Protestant and remains one; therefore, this meal of the French hierarchy was presided over by a woman considered by them to be a heretic!

The Count, too, was three months ago one of the signatories of the famous letter to the Pope, sent by sincere but ill-advised Catholics. They had to repudiate their act, of course; but nevertheless, the action of the bishops in meeting at the house of a man who in their eyes had committed so grievous an error was daring in the extreme.

William I's Favorite.

William I, Emperor and founder of the modern Germany, whom William II always calls his "great ancestor," it is not generally known, was the most gallant man in the kingdom of Prussia. It was chiefly with ladies of the theater that this Don Juan exercised his powers of royal fascination, and the last of them was a certain Mimi de Caux, an opera singer of great talent, who has just died.

She was of French origin, but lived in Germany. It was before the war of 1870, and when she was just eighteen, that William I first met and fell in love with Mimi. Mimi de Caux was a very pretty woman besides being a talented vocalist. She had innumerable admirers, and at least two husbands. Many music-loving Englishmen and Americans at one time proclaimed that she was Madame Patti's superior. It is said

that during the war and before the gates of Metz the Emperor received a supplementary letter from Budapest signed "Mimi."

Greed of Doctor.

"Est modus in rebus," said the Romans. In all things there is limit. This thought passes through the mind of all who take an interest in the suit of George E. Crocker, of San Francisco, against Dr. Doven.

The learned doctor did not hesitate to ask the American for 100,000 francs emoluments for having tried to cure Mrs. Crocker from an illness which he knew was incurable, and he was not able to alleviate her sufferings for a moment nor for a single moment postpone the fatal issue.

Dr. Doven did not kill Mrs. Crocker, but still he let her die. All Paris is taking most intense interest in this case, and it seems as if one of the interested parties was abusing his fame to exploit the credulity of an unhappy man seeking at all costs to save the life of a beloved wife.

It is the opinion of everybody that a severe lesson is necessary to moderate the greed of those who seek to fatten themselves at the expense of patients doomed to die.

Eugenie in Paris.

The Empress Eugenie is within our walls. In residence at the Hotel Continental, a few yards from the devastated Tuilleries Gardens, she doubtless contemplates from her windows the ground on which formerly stood the palace of emperors and of kings.

Every day, it is said, she walks in these gardens, lost in the memory of the old days of her glory.

There are none but foreigners in Paris who raise their hats with respect to Mimi de Montijo, wife of the unfortunate Napoleon III, who is now an old woman of eighty-three, and who turns her eyes sadly and longingly toward the scene of her former splendors, now changed to glum vulgarities.

WILL HONOR GARIBALDI.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—France and Italy will jointly celebrate the centenary of the birth of Garibaldi. On this occasion the memory of the defender of Dijon will be perpetuated by the erection of a statue at Paris, which will be inaugurated in July next, for which occasion they have invited the municipal musical societies of Turin.

KAISER ARGUES
ALL NIGHT LONG
ABOUT THEOLOGY

Two Prussian Decorations Which, Though King, He Lacks.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—The Kaiser takes an active interest in the theological disputes that are so fashionable now in Germany and England. He has shown his ability in controversy in a triangular debate which he had with Prof. Harnack, of Berlin University, and his chief court chaplain, Dr. Dryander.

His majesty called in the two theologians to discuss with him certain passages in a learned treatise in the "higher criticism" which he had been reading. The Kaiser's views are orthodox, and finding that Prof. Harnack, whom he consulted about the arguments in the treatise, sided with the author, he summoned the chaplain to the council to thresh the matter out.

All night the Kaiser, the professor, and the chaplain sat arguing the matter, and the Kaiser talked like a trained theologian. Before they left the palace the two theologians had a good supper, and they were driven home in imperial carriages.

"Order Day."

The German court has been celebrating its "Order Day." On that day the Kaiser gathers around him all the high dignitaries who are decorated, and there is a banquet.

The German sovereign is the grand master of all the Prussian orders, and grand protector of the Order of St. John. He wears these orders on all his uniforms. But on the other hand, he neither possesses the order "Pour la Merite," which was created by Frederick the Great for services rendered to the state, nor the Iron Cross for valor on the field.

He also has not conferred upon himself the order of William III, which was founded in 1895 as recompense for eminent services rendered to the state in the domain of political or social economy. The Kaiser has been invested with most foreign orders, except the Toison d'Or of Austria, which is a Catholic order, and the Emperor, being a Protestant, cannot bear it; and the Cross of the French Legion of Honor—one can guess the reason why.

MacMahon's Eagle.

But then, no chief of the French Republic since 1870 has received the Order of the Black Eagle. This Prussian distinction was last conferred on Marshal MacMahon. He, however, had attained it in 1891, when the Prussian King William, afterward Emperor William I of Germany, was crowned at Koenigsberg.

William I was himself invested with the Cross of the Legion of Honor while he was still King of Prussia, and even after he was made Emperor of Germany he still on certain occasions wore it on his breast. In deference, he said, to the French ambassador. This ribbon of red moire is still to be seen in the Museum of the Hohenzollerns, at Berlin.

NEED AMERICAN
TO SAVE FRENCH

Paris Newspaper Makes Fun of Archbishop Villatte's Efforts.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Apropos of the advent in Paris of Archbishop Villatte, of Efflatto, in order to establish an American Syrian church in this country, the Petit Parisien says:

"The least that one can say of Mgr. Villatte is that he is very American. It appears that the French sciences are at this moment passing through a grave religious crisis, and that, in order to know exactly what it is that is troubling these French consciences and to participate in their agony, and to know their needs, it is indispensable that one should be an American."

"M. Villatte, who is an American, has the most charitable thought in the world. The French are the most charming people in the world," said he, "but they are not practical; nor do they see clearly; to pacify their consciences and to make them see clearly, the intervention of America is absolutely necessary."

"And Mgr. Villatte did not hesitate to make the long voyage. 'Peace be to you, French consciences,' said he on departing. 'You are suffering. O faithful ones, but you do not know why you suffer, because you are not clear-sighted Americans. But, I am an American, and I am the man you want to set things straight for you.'"

YOUNG PARIS IN MOURNING
FOR ITS PET ELEPHANT

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Youth Parisians are in deep mourning. Said, their favorite elephant, which was the amusement of the little ones taken to the Jardin des Plantes, is dead of consumption.

Of African origin, he was captured at a very early age and taken to England. He was brought to Paris in 1883 and soon became a great favorite and was much attached to his keeper, Neef. But one day in a paroxysm of rage Said killed his keeper. This elephant was condemned to die, but was finally acquitted on the ground that he was in a high state of fever at the time and not responsible for his actions. Since then Said has sickened and at the last was nothing but a bundle of skin and bones.

PARIS HATS BIG;
WORN FAR BACK

Some Millinery Revelations at de la Tour d'Auvergne Tea.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Princess de la Tour d'Auvergne had a five o'clock tea the other day, to which a number of fair Americans were invited. Among the guests were the Duchess of Rohan, in a brown costume; Princess Bariatinsky, in black and white, with a huge feathered hat; Countess Edward de la Roche-foucauld, in a beautiful dress, embroidered all round the hem with rich Turkish embroidery; Countess Chardon de Brailles, in blue velvet and a single row of pearls around her slender throat; Countess Jacques de Gantant, in brown velvet, and Countess Theodore de Gantant, also in brown. Most of the hats worn were remarkable for their size, and the fact that they were worn very much on the back of the head.

AMERICAN CONSUL
GIVES RECEPTION

Very Distinguished Company at Van Burens' House in Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—The American Consul General and Mrs. Van Buren gave another reception recently at their home in the Rue des Anglais. A very large number of Americans were present and also many of the English residents. Mrs. Van Buren was charmingly dressed in pale pastel blue liberty velvet. Among the guests were Duc de Pamar, Mrs. John Wyeth, in blue velvet; the Rev. Dr. Adamson and Mrs. Adamson, Mrs. Blacker-Douglas, Mrs. Major and Mrs. Kimber, the latter in white; Major and Mrs. Dogle, Mrs. Strong, in a gray gown; Miss Kinney, in white; Mrs. Sartrett, in pale blue; Dr. and Mrs. Sturge, Mrs. Dart, Mrs. John Siddons, in pale gray, and Mrs. Alfred Gligman, who wore a charming dress of pale silver gray, trimmed with chinilla.

ELECT BONAPARTE
ACADEMY MEMBER

Prince Roland Fourth of Family Thus Honored.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Prince Roland Bonaparte has been elected to the French Academy of Science in the place of M. Bischoffsheim, who died recently. Prince Roland Bonaparte is the author of some valuable scientific works on geography, anthropology, ethnography, and geology. He is also a generous patron of scientific works.

Prince Roland is the fourth member of the Bonaparte family elected to the academy, the others having been the Emperor Napoleon I, when he was still General Bonaparte; Prince Lucien, the grandfather of Prince Roland, and Prince Jerome.

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The new Jumper Suit is one of the most beautiful and latest styles for spring. We show new Spring Suits in black, white, and all the fashionable spring shades, as well as in fancy materials. These attractive suits are made in the very latest and most exquisite styles in Eton, pony coat, and the jumper style. (See illustration.)

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Prices \$15 to \$75

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These Skirts have the fine fitting and draping qualities which give a woman a smart appearance. The styles are mostly in pleated effects and the fabrics run to broadcloth, voiles, and all-wool fancy mixtures. They are made extra full and perfect fitting, and finished in the best possible manner.

Prices \$5 to \$18

Special Purchase Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats

We have just secured some exceptionally stylish and well-made Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats that would ordinarily sell for \$7.50. They have a 12-inch accordion-pleated flounce with 12-inch silk dust ruffle. Owing to the way we bought these petticoats we shall mark them at the low price of \$5.00

Latest in Silk Petticoats

The latest fad in Taffeta Silk Petticoats, especially in New York city, is the black and white striped effect, with different widths of stripes running up and down. These Silk Petticoats are made with a very deep dust ruffle of Taffeta Silk, and marked at \$7.50 the special price of \$7.50

Latest in Spring Waists

The Spring Waists, in a refreshing and immense variety, are ready for your approval. White lawn, black and colored plain taffetas, as well as lace net, and other fancy materials are most favored; long sleeve waists button in front, three-fourth sleeve waists button in the back. Prices, \$1.00 to \$22.50

Charming Spring Hats Now Ready

It is not a bit too early to buy a Spring Hat. Aren't you tired of winter headgear?

At \$3.50 to \$25.00 We have assembled a showing of Ready Trimmed Millinery, including examples of the very latest and most popular styles and trimmings. Materials are horsehair, tussan, Milan braid, French chip, and other fancy braids, ranging from a simple turban to the most elaborate carriage or evening hat—in black, white, and all colors, and a great range of styles and shapes of ready-trimmed millinery.

Untrimmed Hats at 99c to \$4.50 We have our usual immense line of Untrimmed Hats, reflecting the latest fashion trend. Materials most favored are French chip, Milan braid, horsehair, leghorn—in black, white, and every shade and tint to be popular this spring.

New Spring Flowers

Fashion decrees that flowers shall be worn this spring in almost every blossom of nature's floral workshop, and the artificial flowers imitate the tints of nature so perfectly that it is almost impossible to detect the difference. Our fine imported French flowers represent nearly every flower in the world. Prices, per bunch, 49c to \$3.50

Graceful Ostrich Plumes

Ostrich Plumes will again appear as a most popular trimming for the Spring Hats. We have Ostrich Plumes of the most select stock, very broad, full, and lustrous, and in black, white, and all the different tints to match the hats. All of them have the "French Curve," which is so necessary. Some of our plumes come in hands mixed with marabou. Prices, \$2.98 to \$18.00

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